

To the Board of Education and
Mr. James Stucchio,
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Hauppauge Union Free School District
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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary funds of Hauppauge Union Free School District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Hauppauge Union Free School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Hauppauge Union Free School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hauppauge School District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

However, during our audit we became aware of other matters that we believe represent opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The recommendations that accompany this letter summarize our comments and suggestions concerning those matters. We have also included the status of prior year findings and recommendations.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACCOUNTS

The District has established extra classroom activity accounts to maintain student activities and funds. The New York Education Department has published guidelines governing the proper procedures and policies governing the extra classroom accounts and transactions.

During our current year audit of all the District's extra classroom activity accounts we noted the following:

- Two clubs with no financial activities.
- Although a profit and loss statement is being prepared for fund raising activities, it is not being forwarded to the central treasurer for all schools.
- Sales tax compliance is not being monitored on certain events that involve admissions including, but not limited to, dances at all schools.
- IRS Form 1099 compliance is not being monitored by the central treasurer for all schools.
- Two club charters showed no sign of student involvement.

We recommend the District continue to provide training to the extraclassroom treasurers and advisors of the proper procedures required by the State Education Department.

SCHOOL LUNCH FUND

Fund Balance

During our current year audit we noted that the school lunch fund balance exceeded the three-month average expenditure level allowable by federal regulations 7CFR Part 210.14(b) by approximately \$612,000. We recommend implementing additional measures to lower the fund balance in the 2016-2017 school year.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Asset Tracking

During our current year audit we noted that one out of six capital assets was not properly tagged when received and placed in service. We recommend the District tag capital assets prior to placing them in service.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACCOUNTS

FINDING: The District has established extra classroom activity accounts to maintain student activities and funds. The New York Education Department has published guidelines governing the proper procedures and policies governing the extra classroom accounts and transactions.

During our prior year audit of all the District's extra classroom activity accounts we noted the following:

- Three clubs with no financial activities.
- Although a profit and loss statement was being prepared for fund raising activities, it was not being forwarded to the central treasurer for all schools.
- Sales tax compliance was not being monitored on certain events that involve admissions including, but not limited to, dances at all schools.
- IRS Form 1099 compliance was not being monitored by the central treasurer for all schools.
- There was insufficient supporting documentation for cash receipts, such as copies of checks.

We recommended the District continue to provide training to the extraclassroom treasurers and advisors of the proper procedures required by the State Education Department.

STATUS: **Not Implemented.**

SCHOOL LUNCH FUND

Fund Balance

FINDING: During our prior year audit we noted that the school lunch fund balance exceeded the three-month average expenditure level allowable by federal regulations 7CFR Part 210.14(b) by approximately \$700,000. We recommended implementing additional measures to lower the fund balance in the 2015-2016 school year.

STATUS: **Not Implemented.**

We would like to acknowledge the courtesy and assistance extended to us by personnel of the District and also compliment the business office on their excellent financial operations during our audit. Should you have any questions concerning the matters referred to in this letter, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you, at your convenience.

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Very truly yours,

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